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1. The peasants of the village of Ciupercenii*, in Ilfov County, assembled in considerable numbers and mauled badly the local authorities and Militiamen. Many peasants were arrested by the County authorities and deported to the Danube-Black Sea Canal project. All persons who were suspected of having helped those making the attack, including the village priest, children, and the aged, were likewise removed to the canal.
2. Similar attacks on the local authorities occurred in the villages of Barsesti and Soveja, in Putna County, during which several Militiamen were shot. A Militia formation was sent to the villages from Focsani, to restore order. In the ensuing skirmish a number of peasants were killed, but some succeeded in escaping from the area.
3. During August wooden silos for the storage of grain were dedicated in six villages in Roman County. Shortly after the governmental dignitaries had left the area, the six silos were destroyed by fire. Despite numerous arrests, the authorities were unable to apprehend those responsible for the conflagrations.

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[REDACTED] There is a Ciupercenii de Sus and a Ciupercenii de Jos in Ilfov County.

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